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# New Cancer Clinic Hospital To Offer Expanded Services

Concer Clinic Hospital in Edmonton, with completion expected within two years. The building is to be located on University Avenue adjacent to the Aberhart Memorial Sanatorium and the new Veteran's Nursing Home.

Purpose of the new hospital and clinic is the replacement and expansion of present quarters and centralization of existing services. The new centre will be particularly adapted to applications of atomic energy in the treatment of cancer. An active treatment centre, the hospital will not be landling terminal cases. It is to be self-governing, but will maintain continual reference with other city hospitals. It is also expected that medical teaching will be extended and improved as a result of the new facilities.

The structure will consist of a central, fivestorey building intersected at 90 degrees by a long one-storey wing. The superstructure will be a monolithic cast-in-place concrete rib-slab and beam floor and roof system supported on concrete columns. The entire structure is to be supported on pile foundations. Interior and exterior finishes were selected to conform with accepted norms for institutions of this nature and to be in harmony with materials and finishes of the surrounding provincial buildings.

Total area of the building is 190,000 square feet and provisions are made for the future addition of two floors, which would increase the floor area by 40,000 square feet and could provide up to 82 additional beds.

A full basement under the structure will house radiotherapy treatment facilities, the physics department, an operating suite, the central supply, housekeeping, storage and staff facilities. The admitting offices, diagnostic x-ray department, oil-patient department, staff cafeteria and lécture from are located on the main floor, while the mechanical floor will house heating and air conditioning systems, repair shops, equipment and storage rooms. Facilities for the administration, medical records, statistical department, research aboratory, library and board room will be housed on the second floor, with the third and fourth floor to contain patients' wards for 77 beds and provision for nine additional beds if required prior to future expansion.



Architect's perspective of the Cancer Clinic Hospital now under construction in Edmonton.

In planning the building, particular care was taken to locate the various departments in a logical and efficient arrangement with convenient means of communication for patients and staff. The twenty examining rooms of the out-patient department are grouped around two central work areas in such a way that patient traffic is separated from staff traffic. Similarly, the diagnostic x-ray rooms are laid out around a central work core, making this department one of the most efficient of its kind.

All treatment machines will be housed on the basement floor where advantage is taken of the underground location to aid in the protection of staff and patients from even the smallest radiation hazards. The treatment machines include an 8 MEV Linear Accelerator, one of only two such machines installed in Canada. This and other specialized treatment machines will provide the new institution with the most modern equipment presently available. In addition many treatment accessories, even special apparatus for research work, will be fabricated under the supervision of physicists in the physics department and a well-equipped machine shop. Space has also been allocated for work with isotopes, for low background radiation scanning, and for a future electron microscope.

Radium for research and insertion will be kept and made ready in a special radium room adjacent to the operating suite. The operating suite is designed with provision for adding one large operating room or two smaller endoscopy rooms as the future needs require. The room are designed for minor procedures and radium insertions in connection with radio-therapeutic treatments. They will not be used for major surgery.

Research facilities have been designed for flexibility. This allows for extension and modification of laboratory services for specific research projects without extensive alterations.

Efficiency of operation will be assisted by such features as dumbwaiters, escalators and elevators, a pneumatic tube system for dispatching messages, records and drugs, and versatile intercom, paging and house telephone systems. Food services will be supplied through the central kitchen in the Aberhart Hospital and supplemented by special diets to be prepared in the Cancer Hospital. When completed, the new hospital will provide the medical profession with the most up-to-date facilities for treating cancer and broadening the programmes and methods of research.

# REGULATIONS AIMED AT PREVENTING FIBROSIS

N EW ALBERTA regulations under the Public Health Act regarding the protection of persons from fibrosis of the lungs will come into effect July 1. Under the provisions of the regulations the Industrial Health Division of the Department of Public Health will be empowered to institute routine inspections of industrial plant operation where it is believed that conditions conducive to fibrosis of the lungs exist.

It is difficult for the untrained, who have not the benefit of specialized equipment, to realize that fibrosis-inducing conditions exist. The traditional history of the onset of fibrosis is that, following many years of exposure to these conditions, the full development of the disease has not been apparent until the employee's late fifties. It has been regarded as a "retiring man's disease". It has been found however, with the speed up of most manufacturing processes over recent year that the fibrosis condition can now develop an acute stage in as little as two years. One is stance has been recorded where it is believed to have occurred in only eight months.

## Record Sum For Recreation Grants

A RECORD SUM of \$44,500 has been allocated to cover the 1966 scholarship grants awarded by the Recreational and Cultural Development Branch of the Department of the Provincial Secretary. These awards are made to promising students who are presently engaged in, or who plan a career in recreation and specified related fields within the Province.

The expanding cultural climate of Alberta has promoted increased interest and need for trained people who are able to undertake the development of recreational and cultural needs. This has been reflected in recent years by the great number of applications for scholarships received in excess of those available, and the demand for the services of students having completed their education in these areas. Although the scholarship fund facilities have been available in varying amounts for over twelve years, it is felt that only within the last few years has the full importance of this student assistance materialized.

The fund shows considerable increase over the \$23,500 total of 1965 and is categorized as follows:—

Recreation Administration	\$	5,000
Dance	\$	5,000
Music	\$	10,000
Libraries		
Drama	\$	7,500
Athletics		
Arts and Crafts	8	7,500

The Branch also administers the \$20,000 federal scholarship grants for Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Scholarship amounts will vary between \$100 to \$500 for applicants who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a recognized school, University or approved study course. Students are obliged to take positions in Alberta on completion of their education as long as there are suitable openings available, or repay the scholarship amount.

Recreation Administration Scholarships are not offered to students entering University in their first year as they are eligible for similar awards from the Queen Elizabeth Fund under the Department of Education, or the Fitness and Amateur Sport Bursaries administered by the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch.

Detailed information and application forms are available from the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Department of the Provincial Secretary, 424 Legislative Building, Edmonton. Deadline for application submissions vary between May 1 and May 31, depending on the category.

Most industrial health hazards are aced against readily as long as the hazard includes property that is recognizably offensive, such as a strong smell, choking dust or high decided range noise. In the case of fibrosis, the condition is brought about by the continual inhalation of dust particles ranging from 5 to 3 microns in size. As dust does not become visible until the particle measure 30 microns, it can be appreciated that bearing offensive properties, the condition can exist without the knowledge of worker or resployer. An industrial dust hazard may be regarded as solved once visible dust has been eliminated, whereas in fact it has not changed at all.

It is the intention of the regulations and solved according to the Industrial Head Division to investigate for fibrosis potential a working conditions and make their findings and able to the employer. Copies of their report will also be placed with the Workmen's Compensation Board in order that the interests of both exployer and employee can be protected should solve the property of the province with the Division that Province-wide investigation and where necessary, simple ventilation arrangement or protective devices, can remove the danger of fibrosis completely from the industrial scene.

# Extension Branch Short Courses Attract Nearly 40,000 Farmers

DURING THE FALL AND WINTER of 1965-66, almost 40,000 persons attended educational meetings and short courses sponsored by the Extension Branch of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. This figure includes the 15,000 who attended the 454 meetings and courses conducted by specialists from various

branches of the Department, as well as about 750 meetings conducted locally.

To encourage local participation in the aganization of the courses, District Agricultural and District Home Economists asked resident of their areas to submit their requests for agricultural program material to their advisory committee members, or to the D.A.'s office. Working who a local advisory committee in most cases, the D.A.'s and D.H.E.'s then established priorities for the requests and compared these with the schedule of courses available from specialist which had been supplied by the Extensis Branch. The two schedules were integrated a closely as possible, with revisions being most to accommodate requests wherever feasible.

The results of these area meetings were the advanced to a meeting in one of the eighregions into which the province was divided Peace River, North, North-West, North-East, WicCentral, South-West, South-East and South-Here, the schedule from the various branch were dealt with individually and tabulated by the best timing and planning. These regional quests were integrated on a provincial base

Of 513 requests, 454 were granted and of 59 cancelled or postponed, mostly due to or flicts in timing. The granted requests provide for the participation by 60 psecials in addition to the participation by 60 D.A.'s at 20 D.H.E.'s.

# Three-Year Vegetable Study Completed

A THREE-YEAR CASE STUDY in fresh vegetable production, the first of its type to be conducted in the fresh vegetable industry in western Canada, has been completed and the final report published by the Production Research Section of the Alberta Department of Agriculture, Farm Economics Branch.

Instigated at the request of the producers in 1962, the study involved five areas in Southern Alberta; the Eastern Irrigation District; the St. Mary and Milk Rivers Development at Medicine Hat and Bow Island; the Taber Irrigation District; and the Bow River Project. The specialty crops selected as most suitable for the study were fresh corn, carrots, burnips and onions, the only qualification being that the vegetables were produced under conditions of irrigation.

Over the three-year period, 1962 to 1965, a total of 56 enterprises were studied, involving 877.35 acres of irrigated specialty crops. Each producer who agreed to assist in the study provided a complete record of his vegetable enterprises, including all costs and returns. An annual progress report was issued in 1963, 1964 and 1965, with the final report including all data from all three years for comparison purposes.

The case-study approach was chosen over the customary method of analysis by group averages

because of the relatively high-value crops being considered and the tendency for costs and returns to vary widely between individuals. Accounts are shown in total, permitting simultaneous comparisons of results as they were determined for individual farms.

The completed study provides an evaluation of the production costs and returns on fresh vegetable farms in Alberta. Results can be used to compare the profitability of vegetable production with other crop alternatives, and as a basis of comparison for Alberta vegetable production costs with those in other areas in Canada and the United States.

Copies of the final report on Production Economics of Fresh Vegetables in Alberta may be obtained from the Extension Service, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, or through local District Agriculturists.

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# Alberta Parks Visited by 5.5 Million

LBERTA'S third largest industry, tourism, last year hosted nearly 5½ million persons, who visited national and provincial parks in the anyince. Visitors to Banff, Jasper, Waterton and Elk Island National Parks increased by near-200,000 in 1965 to a total of 2,775,839. Allerta's 41 provincial parks are rapidly gaining in

visitor numbers, showing an increase last year of over one-half million, for a total of 2,719,151. These totals do not take into account Wood Buffalo National Park in the northeast corner of the province, and four provincial parks still in the development stage.

Provincial parks and 23 historical sites of interest to visitors are developed and maintained by the Parks Branch, Alberta Department of Lands and Forests. In addition, most communities maintain at least one local park or campsite.

A growing popularity in camping has been recognized and provided for through more than 400 roadside campsites established throughout the province by the Department of Highways and the Alberta Forest Service, a division of the Department of Lands and Forests. Each is equipped with shelter, wood and stove, pienic benches, water wells, dry toilets, and parking space for tents and trailers. In addition, nearly all provincial parks offer complete facilities for the vacationer who prefers camping or trailer accommodation. These are generally located on the shores of lakes suitable for swimming, boating, water skiing and fishing.

Over 58 per cent of Canada's national park area is in Alberta. Of the five National Parks in Alberta, the three located in the Rocky Mountain Region attract the greatest number of tourists. Banff is the most popular location with Jasper second and Waterton Lakes third.

Attendance figures for provincial parks show July to be the most popular month. July attendance last year was 1,061,800. Cypress Hills Provincial Park, southeast of Medicine Hat showed the largest attendance figure for the April 1 to December 31 recording period at 570,920. Next was Aspen Beach with 357,975; Wabamun Lake, 237,490; Park Lake, 158,552; Miquelon Lake, 121,102; and The Vermilion, 113,604.

Added to the lengthy list of modern facilities in natural surroundings is the fact that Alberta's badlands, prairies, parklands, mixed forests, foothills and mountains offer the widest variety of geographical features of any province in Canada. This provides a corresponding variety of scenic beauty; a choice to suit nearly every taste.

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# ALBERTA'S ECONOMY RECORDS EXCELLENT YEAR PROSPECTS FOR THIS YEAR ALSO FAVOURABLE

A LBERTA'S ECONOMY had an excellent year by any criterion, according to the Alberta Bureau of Statistics. The Bureau, a branch of the Alberta Department of Industry and Development, indicates several reasons for this statement.

"Livestock sales and value rose considerably; ery significant grain sales contracts were made the China and Russia . . . although first direct callar benefits will be received by Albertans only in 1966. The value of minerals produced rose in nearly nine per cent. Manufacturing plant hippments were seven per cent higher than in 1964. There is evidence that the construction adustry far exceeded expectations of early in the very. Labour income rose by 12 per cent; attail sales by seven per cent. A higher proportion of the labour force found continuous employment than for several years".

In addition, the branch finds that prospects for 1966 are also very encouraging.

"The effects of the additional grain sales will be significant in 1966; livestock prices appear to be very firm or rising. Sales of minerals of the types produced in Alberta are increasing steadily, if not as spectacularly as in the early 1960's. The tremendous backlog of construction work begun in 1965 is carrying over. In view of the higher incomes and high economic activity in western Canada, there is little likelihood of a slackening in volume of manufacturing. Labour income will likely rise substantially as indicated by wage increases being won through tougher union bargaining. It follows that dollar volume figures for retail trade will also increase noticeably. Despite the ever larger increments to the labour force which are now appearing annually, there is a fair prospect of as near complete absorption as took place in 1965".

### Pollution Control Program Will End on September 15

S EPTEMBER 15 of this year will mark the conclusion of the first five year air pollution control program instituted by the Alberta Department of Public Health. As from this date, compliance with provincial regulations covering the release of toxic, odourous and noxious material into the atmosphere becomes obligatory and offenders may be charged with a \$500-a-day fine, following summary conviction, for as long as the offence continues.

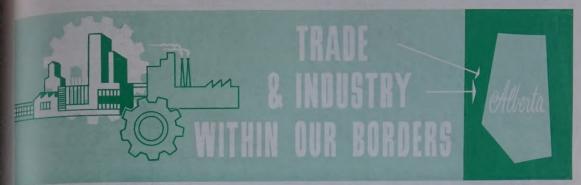
The regulations for air pollution control were assembled by the Sanitary Engineering Branch of the Department of Public Health in 1961. Since that time, all new industrial and commercial operations opening up in the Province have submitted specifications of their plant to the Provincial Sanitary Engineers. This co-operation has enabled potential air pollution risks to be measured and suitable action taken during the construction process where it was found that regulations were infringed.

Established plants in the province at that time having no particular air pollution program were given a five year grace period in which to take the necessary steps. Response to the grace period has resulted in major air pollution control progress throughout the province. The Sanitary Engineering Branch anticipates that all commercial and most industrial programs will be complete by the September 15 deadline.

# Coming Events

During the coming year Alberta will be the scene of many events of provincial, national and international interest. Within Our Borders is pleased to list these in its Coming Events column. Information should be forwarded to Within Our Borders, Room 245 Highways Building, Edmonton.

MAY	17-18 St. Albert Stampede
	17-22 Terrazzo, Tile and Marble Association of Canada
13-June 6 Spring Race Meet	18-19 Canadian Chesapeake Club Spring TrialEdmonton
16-21 Shrine Circus	19-22 Pacific Northwest Obstetrical and Gynaecological Association
16-21 Shrine Circus Calgary 17-22 American Contract Bridge League Regional Tournament Edmonton	19-22 Canadian Society for the Study of Fertility
Regional Tournament	19-24 Canadian Library Association
19-22 Canadian Brotherhood of Locomotive  Firemen — Enginemen	23-25 Federation of Canadian Advertising and
20.22 V's Mar's Regional Convention Lethbridge	Sales Executive ClubEdmonton
21.23 Allied Arts Council Annual Display Red Deer	23-25 Wally Byam Caravan
	24-25 Wainwright Stampede Wainwright
21-23       Elks Carnival	25 Alberta Union of Rural Electrification Convention Red Deer
21-23 Fraternal Order of Eagles	25 Carstairs Rodeo
21-23 Taber StampedeTaber	26-July 1 Telephone Association of Canada
21-23 Cloverdale Stampede Cloverdale	27-29 Western Daily Newspaper Advertising
21-23 Victoria Day Rifle Meet—Winterburn RangeWinterburn 23 Falkland StampedeFalkland	Manager's Association
24-26 Lutheran League of Western CanadaEdmonton	27-30 Faculty of Medicine Symposium
26-28 The Mortgage Loans Assoc, of Alberta	28-July 2 Canadian Dermatology Society
26-28 The Trust Companies Assoc. of Canada	29-July 2 Jaycees National Convention
26-29 Hotel Association of Canada Banff 28 Alsask Stampede Alsask	30 Red Deer River Raft Race
28 Alsask Stampede Alsask	30-July 1 St. Paul Jaycees Ball Tournament
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30-31 Alberta Chamber of Commerce Annual MeetingEdmonton	JULY
31-June 1 The Edmonton Food Executives ClubJasper	1 Highland GamesEdmonton
	1 July Baseball Tournament
JUNE	1 Bassano Stampede
1 Hanna Stampede	1 Raymond StampedeRaymond
1-3 Association of Canadian Clubs Calgary 1-4 Petroleum Law Foundation Jasper	1 Annual Drumheller Legion Day
1-5 Bakery Council of Canada Banff	1-2 Thorhild StampedeThorhild
1-5 The Royal Architectural Institute of CanadaJasper	2-6 Montana Bankers Association
1.6 Alberta Conference of the United Church of Canada Calgary	3 Canoe RaceEdson
3-4 Hardisty Stampede Hardisty	
3-4 Jay Walkers Jamboree	3-7 Tuxis and Older Boys National Parliament International Convention Cosmopolitan ClubsCalgary
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4 Red Deer River Raft RaceDrumbeller	6-7 Alberta Livestock Co-operative LimitedEdmonton
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4 Antique Car Rally Drumheller 4-5 Annual Arabian Light Horse Show Banff 4-5 Edmonton Sporting Dog Club Spring Trial Edmonton	7-9 Pre-Stampede Racing
4-5 Edmonton Sporting Dog Club Spring TrialEdmonton	8-9 Fort Macleod StampedeFort Macleod
4-10 Canadian Anaesthetists Society	8-9 Village of Lomond 50th Anniversary CelebrationsLomond
5 United Church Ordination ServiceCalgary 5 Alberta Pharmaceutical Association ConventionLethbridge	10-15 Trail Rides Banff
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5 Calgary Flying Club, Fly-In Breakfast Calgary 5-9 Canadian Orthopaedic Association Banff	11-16 Calgary Exhibition and Stampede
	14-16 R.C.A.F. Association Edmonton
5-9 Independent Insurance ConferenceJasper 6 Annual Calf Show and SaleLloydminster	15-16 Klondike Kampers KarnivalDrayton Valley
6-10 Society of Pathologists	15-17 Canoe Race—Rocky Mtn. House to
7-8 Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M. Edmonton	Edmonton Rocky Mtn. House
8 Hand Hills Stampede Hand Hills 8-11 Canadian Urological Association Hand Hills	17-22 Trail Rides Banff
	18-19 Moosomin Stampede Moosomin 18-23 Klondike Days Edmonton
8-11 Canadian Ostolaryngological Society	18-23 Klondike Days Edmonton 18-23 Lethbridge and District Exhibition and
8-12 Institute of Chartered Accountants Banff	RodeoLethbridge
8-12 Canadian Society of Pathologists	19-20 Benalto Fair Benalto
9 Alberta Rooting and Contractors Convention Lethbridge	19-22 Canadian Archery Championships
9-11 Alberta Automotive Dealers ConventionRed Deer	25 Branding Party
9-11 32nd Biennial Convention of Sons of NorwayEdmonton 10 Brooks Stampede	25-27 Vegreville Fair Vegreville 25-27 Swan River Stampede Swan River
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11-12 Peace Pipe Horse ShowWetaskiwin	25-30 Alberta Light Horse ShowCalgary 26-27 Registered Quarter Horse ShowMedicine Hat
11-12 Alberta Field Trial Club Spring Trial Calgary	27-29 Canadian Y Flyer Yachting ChampionshipsEdmonton
11-July 4 Annual Spring Race Meet Fdmonton	28-30 Vermilion Fair Vermilion
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12 Canoe Race Rocky Mtn. House	29-30 Edson StampedeEdson
12-15 Pacific Coast Seedsmen's Association Banff 12-15 Canadian Ophthalmological Society Jasper	30 Ashcroft StampedeAshcroft
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13-17 Canadian Medical Association Fedmonton	30-31 International Swim Meet
14-17 Northwest Electric Light and Powerlasper	30-Aug. 1 Alberta Provincial Championship
15-18 Canadian Psychiatric AssociationEdmonton	Yachting Regatta Fdmonton
16-19 The Society of Obstetricians and	30-Aug. 1 Frontier Days Rodeo
Gynaecologists of CanadaJasper	31 Children's Gymkhana Day



# Research Council Tests Coal Fertilizer In Search for New Plant Nutrient Source

EFFORTS to gain better financial returns for Western farmers by raising farm productivity have, in recent years, been accompanied by spechacular increases in agricultural fertilizer consumption and have led to rapid expansion of Alberta capacity for manufacturing fertilizers.

At the same time, however, this demand on productivity has also resulted in stepped-up research programs concerned with the production of no of plant nutrients from previously untapped

example of this is the Alberta Research Count's efforts to convert prairie sub-bituminous coal, self the remains of ancient plant debris, into legi-nitrogen fertilizer materials.

project, on which several patent application have now been filed by the Council, is still in an experimental stage and some time will vet have to pass before its practical impact can be properly assessed. But Council scientists thing it quite likely to prove one of the most promising developments to emerge from their laboratories.

the process by which the new fertilizer is made involves two steps. In the first, powdered and a reacted with air and ammonia at about 570 degrees Fahrenheit. In the second, the product from stage one is oxidized and finally treated with an ammonia solution. Nitrogen contents of the finished material depend on processing conditions, and can range as high as 20 to 22 per cent.

Also dependent on process conditions is the rate at which the nitrogen in this fertilizer can be made available to plants. Tests show that the "release rate" can be adjusted to correspond to that of nitrogen release from such conventional nitrogenous fertilizers as ammonium sulphate or nitrate, or to any desired lower level. This flexibility promises to make the coal fertilizer of particular value in operations (such as tree nurseries and reforestation programs) in which a sustained, controlled nitrogen release is of paramount importance.

Another feature of the coal fertilizer, one likely to make it attractive to the home gardener, is that it can be applied to lawn grasses and the like without fear of 'burning'.

Research Council scientists believe that it may also afford a useful source of humus and thus help to upgrade marginally productive and presently unproductive lands.

Since the first announcement of the laboratory work last summer, some 800 pounds of various types of coal fertilizer have been made in the Research Council's facilities and tested in the University of Alberta's greenhouses and field plots of Federal Experimental Stations at Lethbridge and Kamloops, B.C. Results from these tests

have been greatly encouraging and now point to the need for development work on a much larger scale.

Accordingly, Research Council chemists and engineers have begun to design a pilot plant capable of producing coal fertilizers at the rate of 500 to 1,000 pounds per day. Negotiations are under way with private industry to secure the financial support required for building and operating the plant. The Council hopes to have the pilot unit go "on stream" by late fall this year and allow an ambitious series of large-scale

field trials throughout Western Canada in 1967. At the same time, the unit is expected to yield the detailed operational data needed for assessing the technical and economic feasibility of an eventual full-scale commercial enterprise.

Meanwhile, the Council's work on coal fertilizers has attracted attention from many parts of the world. Particular interest has been expressed in Australia and Japan. In addition, several samples of the fertilizers have been dispatched for testing in British and Belgian fertilizer laboratories.

### Coutts Makes Automated Sawmill for North

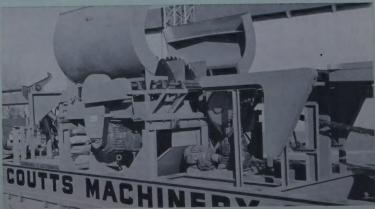
A HUGE AUTOMATED SAWMILL, 150 feet long, will be installed next month within 150 miles of the Arctic Circle at Canada's largest silver mine. The mill was constructed by Coutts Machinery Company Ltd., 9119 Stadium Road, Edmonton, for United Keno Mines' operation at Elsa in the Yukon. The machine is so fully automated it takes only two men to control the entire operation from rough logs to precisely machined posts, beams and girts used in the mine.

More than four months were required to construct the giant sawmill, which is operated entirely by the use of push-button pre-set electronic controls. The machine embodies 20 electric motors ranging from two h.p. to 50 h.p. It is capable of extremely critical adjustment and employs a novel application of the electric eye principle, using nine electric eyes and 30 limit witches

This vast machine weighs 50 tons, is 18 feet in height, 14 feet wide and 150 feet long. It had

to be taken down to three parts for transportation by truck 1,600 miles to the Yukon site. Excavation at the site had to proceed a few feet at a time, with pauses to allow the permafrost to thaw before going deeper. In order to provide a sufficiently large area, United Keno Mines had to remove the greater part of a mountain, with a drop to the valley below of well over 2,000 feet.

Development of this automated giant came about when a salesman, making his annual call at the Keno Mine, became aware of delays and difficulties in processing surrounding timber for use in the mine. An engineer was flown to the site to study the problem and the 50-ton mill was built. Couts officials feel this machine is likely to be the prototype for similar installations in the northern regions of Canada, the United States and possibly in some European timber-growing countries.



A section of the huge automated sawmill ready for shipment to the North West Territories.

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C ANADIAN PRODUCER interest in international trade fairs has been increasing steadily as these fairs continue to prove their value in aiding Canadians to contact potential agents and buyers abroad. They promote wider interest in established lines and provide an opportunity for showing products in new market

Following is a schedule of trade fairs for 1966-67. Further information on these is available from Alberta Government Industrial Development offices at Room 335, Highways Building, Edmonton and 514-11 Avenue S.W., Calgary. Assistance may also be obtained from the Industrial Development Branch of the Canada Department of Trade and Commerce, Oliver Building, Edmonton or the Trade Fairs and Missions Branch of the same department at Ottawa.

Firms wishing to exhibit at these fairs should make inquiries well in advance as many arrangements must be made. Plans are already being started for some of the more important fairs being started for some of the more important rates being held early in 1967. Exhibitors are given assis-tance in preparation, entries, promotion pieces, support advertising and additional promotion through trade offices.

TRADE FAIR PROGRAMME 1966 AUGUST 26-28, International Men's Fashion Week, Cologne

AUGUST 23-26, Western Electronics Show and

Convention, Los Angeles.

AUGUST 14-19, New York Gift Show, New York.

AUGUST 15-28, 13th World Poultry Congress,

Kieve, USSR. SEPTEMBER 1-17, Britain's Food Fair, London.

SEPTEMBER 8-14, International Nuclear Industries Fair (NUCLEX), Basle. SEPTEMBER 22-25, Marine Trades Exhibit and

Conference, Chicago.

SEPTEMBER 8-13, Semain International du Cuir. Paris.

OCTOBER 11-22, Building Trades Exhibition, Manchester.

OCTOBER 23-25. International Fair for Sports Goods, Camping Equipment and Garden Furniture (SPOGA), Cologne. OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3, American Society

for Metals Exposition, Chicago.

NOVEMBER 13-21, Salon International de L'Alimentation (SIAL), Paris (International

NOVEMBER 17-DECEMBER 10, First Asian International Trade Fair, Bangkok.

DECEMBER 4-8, National Association of Home Builder's Convention, Chicago. REGIONAL LUMBER SHOWS

JANUARY 21-23, Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association Convention, New York.

Association Convention, Kansas City. JANUARY 13-15, Kentucky Retail Lumber Dealers' Association Convention, Louisville

FEBRUARY 8-10, Carolina Lumber and Building Supply Show, Charlotte.

FEBRUARY 15-17, Annual Convention and Building Industry Trade Show, Columbus. MARCH 2-3, Nebraska Lumber Merchants Association Convention, Nebraska.

APRIL 15-17, Lumbermen's Association of Texas Convention, Dallas.

OCTOBER 22-23, Oklahoma Lumbermen's

Association Convention, Oklahoma. TRADE FAIR PROGRAMME 1967

FEBRUARY, Chicago Gift Show, Chicago. FEBRUARY 5-9, National Sporting Goods Association Convention, Chicago.

Nuremburg. FEBRUARY, International Hardware Trades Fair, London.

MARCH, International Agriculture and Livestock Fair, Cremona

MARCH, Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition,

MARCH, 8th Delicatessen Exhibition, London. MARCH, International Men's and Boys' Wear Exhibition (IMBEX), London.

MARCH 20-24, International Electrical and Electronics Engineers Conference and Exhibition, New York.

MARCH 6-14, Netherlands Industries Fair,

MARCH 5-9, Salon International des Sports D'hiver, Grenoble (International Winter Sports Fair).

APRIL, International Engineering Exhibition, London.

APRIL, International Fur Fair, Frankfurt. APRIL, International Babies and Children's Fair, Cologne.

MAY 7-10, Supermarket Institute Show, Chicago. MAY 14-18, American Institute of Architects Convention, New York.

JUNE, Salon International deL'Aeronautique et de L'Espace, Paris.

JUNE 1-15, International Samples Fair Barcelona

JUNE 21-JULY 1, International Plastics Exhibition (INTERPLAS), London, REGIONAL LUMBER SHOWS

IANUARY 20-22, Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association Convention New York.

IANUARY, Southwestern Lumbermen's Association Convention, Kansas City JANUARY 12-14, Kentucky Retail Lumber

Association Convention, Louisville FEBRUARY, Annual Convention and Building Industry Trade Show, Columbus.

FEBRUARY 7-9, Carolina Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association Convention Charlotte.

MARCH, Nebraska Lumber Merchants Association Convention, Nebraska.

APRIL 1-3, Lumbermen's Association of Texas Annual Convention, Houston.

MAY, Florida Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association 47th Annual Convention, Tampa.

# Training Program Adopted for Pulp Workers

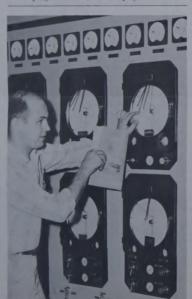
A N INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAM to A upgrade the skills and abilities of mill-workers at North Western Pulp & Power Ltd., Hinton, Alberta, is being developed in co-operation with the Division of Vocational Education. The Hon. R. H. McKinnon, Alberta's Minister of Education, recently visited the plant to sign a contract with Mr. H. K. Collinge, resident manager and vice-president of the company.

Under the widely diversified program of inplant training, basic education courses from grades 7 to 12 are being offered to employees. Already 70 have enrolled in the 10 months' academic program in which an employee undertakes four hours of classroom study a week under a qualified tutor at the plant, as well as home as signments. There are now 86 employees engaged in the pulp mill technology course and an evening program of trade courses will soon be underway for 27 employees interested in elecronics and drafting. About 100 company supervisors are being offered a series of short course on such subjects as safety, job instruction, em ployee relations and supervisory skills. A Certificate of Achievement from the Division of Vocational Education will be presented to those who complete and meet the requirements of the

The Division of Vocational Education shares in the costs of the training program as does be Federal Government under the Technical and Vocational Training Agreement. The company is responsible for providing qualified instructors classroom accommodation and training facilities and the maintenance of progress reports on em ployees who take the courses. It is hoped that the academic and on-the-job training program will provide incentive for employees to develop their skills and abilities to keep pace with the rapid growth of the company.

North Western Pulp & Power Ltd. is Alberta's first and only pulp mill and has been in operation on 3000 square miles of leased timber land since 1955. The company has invested approximately \$80,000,000 in the mill and fully modern townsite of Hinton, built on the valley slopes of the Athabasca River about 185 miles west of Edmonton. The value of pulp shipped from the plant averages \$30,000,000 a year and the company's payroll for over 1000 emplores in mill and woodland operations averages \$57 000,000 a year.

The Industrial Training Contract with the company is the second contract signed by the Division of Vocational Education with industries in Alberta. The first contract was with the Great Western Garment Company in Edmonton October 1965, to train power sewing machine operators. The Division of Vocational Educational tion has a number of other contracts under stud to help Alberta's rapidly expanding industries meet their need for trained personnel with specialized skills. Industrial inquiries should made to D. L. Campbell, Assistant Director Vocational Training, Division of Vocational Educational cation, Department of Education, Room Empire Building, Edmonton.



Harold Trollope, digester operator, explains digester panel controls in the mill of North Western Pulp and Power Company during a tour of the mill, following signing of an industrial training contract with the Division of Vocational Edu-

# Western Co-operative Fertilizers Limited Operating New Calgary Fertilizer Complex

R APID GROWTH of the chemical fertilizer industry in Alberta has been stimulated by the increased demands of modern agriculture. Example of this growth is the \$24 million Western Co-operative Fertilizers Limited plant which seas officially opened in the Southeastern outskirts of Calgary in October, 1965. Located at 95 Street and 98 Avenue S.E., the 320 acre sit includes a quarter section plant area and a garter section gypsum pond.

Present production capacity is 225,000 tons of finished nitrate and phosphate fertilizers annually. Plant planning anticipates considerable

expansion in the future.

Operating 24 hours a day with three shifts, seven days per week, the plant employs a staff of 260 with an annual payroll of about \$1½ million. Purchase of raw materials, production materials and utilities in Canada will amount to around \$9-million annually. From 75 to 80 per cent of this is to be spent in the Calgary area.

Wheat Pool, Federated Co-operatives Limited and the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; and ultimately by consumers in the three prairie provinces who are owner-members of the wheat pools or the 500 retail co-operatives that own Federated Co-operatives Limited. President of Western Co-operative Pertilizers is David E. Stewart. Charles W. Gibings and Albert T. Baker are Vice-presidents and Duncan A. Sim-is Chief Executive Office: General Manager, and Secretary.

Serving the three prairie provinces, Co-op Fettlizers will be marketed through an initial 50 bulk detribution centres across the prairies. They will also be marketed in smaller quantities through 2,450 wheat pool elevators, farm service centres and 500 co-op retail outlets. It is intended that most bulk distribution centres will be staffed with university graduates specializing as soil chemistry and soil fertility to help prepare soil tests and assist in fertilizer selection.

Raw materials used at the Calgary plant include sulphur, which is purchased locally, phosphate rock from Idaho and potash from Saskatchewan. About 204 tons of sulphur and 720 tons of

### CITY OF LETHBRIDGE (continued from page 8)

POINTS OF INTEREST

Letibridge is the location of the largest and most authentic Japanese Garden in North America. Another prime beauty spot is the gardens developed by Sick's Brewery at the western approach to the city. The beautiful floral displays and trout sanctuary at the Provincial Gaol are major attractions for visitors and residents alike. Lethbridge's famed high level bridge is the longest bridge for its height in the world. Galt Gardens its historic steam locomotive is a leisure spot in the heart of the city's downtown. Indian Battle Park on the banks of the Oldman River, now a recreational area, is the scene of the last great Indian battle. The civic museum contains an excellent collection of the furniture, utensils, weapons and other objects common to the pioneer period in Southern Alberta.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Secondary industry has supplanted coal production as the prime force in the Lethbridge economy. Brewing, meat packing, food processing, agricultural machinery, mobile homes, communication equipment, steel and iron fabrication are the principal manufacturing operations in the thy Primary production of livestock, sugar beets, gain, forage and specialty crops in the area provide the raw materials for an important agment of the city's industry.

phosphate rock are used daily. In addition, the plant uses about nine million cubic feet of natural gas per day and about one million gallons of water.

Storage capacity is 21,080 tons of raw and products. Bagging and shipping facilities are designed to handle 2,000 tons daily. The plant has two miles of railway trackage and its own switching engine, permitting peak movement of 50 rail cars in and out per day.

All undesirable gases are scrubbed before being released to the atmosphere. In some cases

this provides for recovery of some materials. Nuisance value of fumes is further mitigated in the sulphuric acid plant by a 200 ft. release tower. One of the most highly automated plants in Canada, Co-op Fertilizers has installed two 3,500 h.p. compressors in the ammonia plant, which are said to be the largest multi-service compressors in Canada. Other features include a single tank digestor equipped with both air and flash cooling to control the digestion temperature in the phosphoric acid process and specially designed bags for maximum protection of the end product.



Western Co-operative Fertilizer plant complex looking Northeast. Water cooler is in right foreground, with a portion of the seven million gallon water reservoir in the left foreground.

## Export Course Offered Businessmen

A NEW "EXPORTING" course promoted by the Alberta Department of Education with financial assistance from the federal government is selling Alberta businessmen on opportunities in the export market and the best way to take advantage of them.

This spring, the first 10-week "Exporting" course co-sponsored in Edmonton by the Division of Vocational Education and the local Chamber of Commerce, attracted 17 businessmen, including manufacturers and their agents, customs brokers, oil and concrete industry representatives, engineers, a feedlot operator, credit and collection representatives.

Subjects under discussion include organizing, financing and pricing exports, opportunities available in the export market, export documents and trade terms, and special requirements for pack-

aging, marking and insurance.

Featuring a case method technique, dayby-day business situations faced by any ownermanager who must make his own decisions, are presented and discussed. Instructors, drawn from local business and professional groups or from other centres, when necessary, lead discussion along the lines of sound business principles. This is highly recommended by both groups, the Federal Department of Labour adopted the "Exporting" course and financially supports its use in business management training programs under the Technical and Vocational Training Agreements with the provinces.

"Exporting" is just one of 11 management training courses bringing modern business techniques and ideas to the doorstep of 60 communities in Alberta. The other courses in the program include management accounting, retail management, marketing for manufacturers, marketing for service businesses, purchasing for manufacturers, bookkeeping, personnel, retail selling, finance and taxes. A course in business law is also available through the Division of Vocational Education of the Department of Education for sponsorship by any business organization in Alberta.

Sponsoring groups such as local Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, retail associations and service clubs have proven effective in directing the courses in their local communities. They accept the responsibility of promoting one or a series of courses and select the instructor, the location and the time. Participants are required to pay a \$15 fee for 10-week courses, \$10 for courses of 9 weeks' duration or less, and attend 75% of the sessions to earn a certificate. The provincial and federal governments pay the difference between the actual cost of the course and the fee charged participants. There are no educational requirements and classes are limited to a maximum of 25 individuals.

Since October, 1963, more than 2,400 business men and women have enrolled in the small business management program in Alberta.

### LETHBRIDGE HE CITY

Section 31-8-21 in Census Division No. 2. This location is on the east bank of the Oldman River at the junction of Highway Numbers 3, 4 and 5, 65 miles North of the U.S. border and 148 miles Southeast of Calgary. It is on the most southerly of the trans-continental routes of the Canadian Pacific Railway and branch rail lines radiate from the city.

ALTITUDE 2,993 feet; Latitude 49/42N; Longitude 112/50W

#### TEMPERATURE

Average summer temperature is 58°F.; average winter temperature is 29°F.; mean annual temperature is 41°F.

Average annual rainfall is 11.09 inches; average annual snowfall-50.9 inches; average annual precipitation-16.10 inches.

City population by 1966 census was 36,837 and the retail trading areas population is 165,000.

Lethbridge is located at the contact of two types of bedrock. The bedrock to the west of the city is the Bearpaw formation while to the east it is the Belly River and is composed of marine shales. The Belly River formation consists of shales, sandy shales and sandstones of fresh and brackish water origin. Lethbridge coal is mined from the Belly River series which is also a horizon in which the fossilized bones of vertibrates of the Cretaceous age are found.

Lethbridge is near the centre line of a strip of dark brown soil that averages about 40 miles in width. In the normal profile of the dark brown zone, the surface horizon averages about seven inches in depth. The sub-soil is brownish and the lime layer is usually found at depths of 20 to 24 inches below the surface.

Moisture is the principal limiting factor in crop production. Soils in this zone are relatively low in nitrogen and organic matter, but are higher in these constituents than soils in the brown zone. Wheat and coarse grains are the principal crops grown in dry land farming.

Lethbridge is the supply centre for the largest irrigation project in Canada. When irrigated, the soils produce sugar beets, other root crops, and a wide variety of vegetables.

The City of Lethbridge is the cultural, social, educational, health and business centre of an area that comprises most of Southern Alberta and extends into southeastern British Columbia. Its wide streets, neat appearance, orderly development, mild winters and ample sunshine together with its many amenities make it an ideal place to live.

Beautiful Waterton Lakes National Park is within easy driving distance and the city's location places is favorably for some of Canada's finest hunting and fishing. Pheasants in the large irriga-



tion tract surrounding the city, together with fish make the city a headquarters for sportsmen.

38 churches cater to the spiritual needs of the followers of 21 religious denominations. Two major hospitals, two chronic hospitals and two nursing homes with a total of 700 beds furnish modern health services to the city's residents.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Lethbridge has operated under the Council-Manager form of government since 1928. The City Council is comprised of a Mayor and six aldermen, each elected for a two year term. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council and administers the city's affairs in accordance with the policy set by the Council.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police protection is carried out by the Lethbridge City Police Department which mans the various branches such as Traffic, Criminal Investigation, Morality, Protective and Administration. The city's police force is supplemented by the Corps of Commissionaires which is responsible for parking enforcement and playground and park

Zoning and construction are controlled by the Interim Development Board in accordance with covering by-laws.

#### FIRE PROTECTION

A modern, fully equipped fire fighting force provides fire protection and ambulance service from three fire stations and 54 electrically operated alarm boxes are strategically located throughout the city.

Water is obtained from the Oldman River and rocessed in plants with a daily capacity of 16,500,000 gallons. Processed water is stored in reservoirs and elevated tanks with a total capacity of 4,500,000 gallons. There are over 10,000 metered service connections and annual pumpage

is approaching two billion gallons.

The City of Lethbridge has also developed a source of good quality, low temperature groundwater for industry

Sewage is treated in two modern plants with a combined capacity of 6,000,000 gallons a day.

Three phase 60 cycle power is supplied by the city-owned electric plant with an installed generator capacity of 33,500 KW. and annual output exceeds 100,000,000 KWH. There is an agree-

ment between the City of Lethbridge and Calgan Power Limited for interchange of power

Natural gas is supplied under a franchise by the Canadian Western Natural Gas Company Limited.

#### **EDUCATION**

Lethbridge Public Schools District and the Lethbridge Separate School District operate a total of sixteen elementary schools, three junior high schools and three senior high schools with combined enrollment of 10,000 students

Operating from new premises with moden equipment, the Lethbridge Junior College offers first and second year university courses in Arts and Science, as well as, a wide variety of technical courses in its Vocational Training School. RECREATION

The City's recreational facilities include a two square block civic area, four swimming pook several gymnasiums, two golf courses, eight parks, ten playgrounds, a curling rink, three in door skating rinks, a week-long annual exhibition and fair, and areas for tennis, baseball, soccer, football, lawn bowling, track and field, badmin

ton, basketball, hockey, fishing and boating.

Among the cultural activities and facilities at a symphony orchestra, a ballet group, seveni amateur drama groups, a museum and an art

Library facilities in the city include three branches of the Lethbridge Public Library and the reference and technical libraries of Govern ment of Canada Research Station and the Leth bridge Junior College.

#### LOCAL RESOURCES

Coal, clay, sand, gravel, cereals, cattle, shen, hogs, horses, poultry produce, honey, straw vegetables, sugar beets, field crops, soft finds and oil seed crops.
BUILDING SITES

Fully serviced building sites for residential commercial and industrial purposes are available from the City of Lethbridge at competitive

#### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lethbridge is a divisional point on the Cant dian Pacific Railway's southern line to Vancoun and is served daily by Air Canada and Greyhout Bus Lines and express service is also provide by each. Pool car and piggyback service is available. able to and from the principal cities in Canad and the U.S., and sixteen inter-provincial trucking companies operate in the city. Telegraph, toll phone, teletype and telex services to all point in the world are also available.

In addition to a local television station and but local radio stations, the city is served by coar cable television and by a daily newspaper. ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations for visitors and convention facilities are provided by 8 hotels and 8 molt and motor hotels with a total of 700 rooms. Can grounds and trailer parks round out the disaccommodation facilities.



A few of the modern homes which enhance the city's residential areas.